

during said client session, performing at least one respective Internet activity by the user on behalf of the client;

for at least one of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective time value based at least in part on at least one of a start time defined by when the user begins performance of the respective at least one Internet activity, and a completion time defined by when the user completes performance of the respective at least one Internet activity;

for each of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective activity record corresponding to the respective Internet activity performed by the user;

storing a session record comprising activity data based at least in part on each generated time value, each generated activity record, and the at least one of a client identifier and a client matter identifier;

generating at least one of a bill and a report based at least in part on said session record; and

forwarding, to the client, the at least one of a bill and a report;

wherein the at least one of a client identifier and a client matter identifier corresponds to the client, and the at least one Internet activity comprises a request for data from a publicly available Internet location.

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 29 are pending. No new claims have been added.

Section 103 Rejections

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, pointing out that when applying 35 U.S.C. 103, the following tenets of patent law must be adhered to:

- (a) The claimed invention must be considered as a whole;
- (b) The references must be considered as a whole and must suggest the desirability and thus the obviousness of making the combination; and
- (c) The references must be viewed without the benefit of impermissible hindsight vision afforded by the claimed invention.

The applicant respectfully points out that prior art does not disclose or suggest automatic recording of Internet activity. In point of fact, the prior art directly teaches away from the present invention by requiring that the user input time. The Business Wire reference requires the users to use a telephone to input time. The Journyx reference requires user to input time and hours. Neither of these references teach or suggest (1) automatic tracking of (2) internet activity.

Journyx

Journyx discloses a computer implemented timesheet. The user is required to input information and as such directly teaches away from the present invention, wherein the tracking of a users time is automatic and not controlled by the user. The automatic nature of the applicants invention has significant advantages in that it allows employee time to be tracked and provides evidence of time spent on a client activity. When a user or employee, inputs their time, it is subject to their honor. Employees may not be accurately inputting time or may not properly associate time with the appropriate client.

Business Wire

The business wire reference is for tracking time spent on the telephone and associating it with a client. This is markedly different than the applicants invention, which tracks internet activity.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Office Action with respect to Claims 27-28 is requested.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CHANGES MADE:

28. A method of recording Internet activity performed by a user on behalf of a client, comprising:

initiating, by the user, a client session by providing, at least one of a client identifier and a client matter identifier;

during said client session, performing at least one respective Internet activity by the user on behalf of the client;

for at least one of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective time value based at least in part on at least one of a start time defined by when the user begins performance of the respective at least one Internet activity, and a completion time defined by when the user completes performance of the respective at least one Internet activity;

for each of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective activity record corresponding to the respective Internet activity performed by the user;

storing a session record comprising activity data based at least in part on each generated time value, each generated activity record, and the at least one of a client identifier and a client matter identifier;

generating at least one of a bill and a report based at least in part on said session record; and

forwarding, to the client, the at least one of a bill and a report;

wherein the at least one of a client identifier and a client matter identifier corresponds to the client, and the at least one Internet activity comprises a request for data from a publicly available Internet location.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the user performs a plurality of Internet activities, and the plurality of Internet activities comprises a request for data from a publicly available Internet location, and at least one of data entry of a network address, data entry of a URL, data entry of at least one search term, data entry of at least one data instance, selection of a hyperlink, a data transfer, and an input device event.